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Foreign Minister Erkin told me yesterday he had just received Yugoslav Ambassador who asked Turkey to join in a move sponsored by Tito to call special meeting of UNGA in order to adopt resolution which would express anxiety re Cuban crisis; make appeal to US and USSR to negotiate; request suppression all aggravating activities; ask all peace-loving nations to refrain from doing anything to increase tensions.

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Observing that some of points seemed unobjectionable, Erkin asked if I had any comments. I replied that, speaking personally, I should be inclined take hard look at any proposal emanating from Tito who as leader of neutralists would probably be making bid for support from other neutralists with whom Turkey might find itself in stange company. Also, although points mentioned might sound platitudinous, experience has usually shown that resolutions of such neutralist origin have effect of exerting greater limitation on US than on USSR, i.e., they are really slanted under assertion of impartiality.

I also mentioned fact that discussions now under way under auspices of Secretary General of UN, and suggested that, since Yugoslavs talking of UN action, best locus for exchanging views might be in New York. Erkin indicated agreement saying Turkish delegation in New York instructed work in closest collaboration with USUN.

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